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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

March 19, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Wick’s Corner Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 39, as amended, Keene. Wick’s Corner Interchange.

This measure would designate the ~~cloverleaf~~ junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149 near the City of Oroville, in the County of Butte, as the Wick’s Corner Interchange. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Moses Wick was born in Ohio in 1822; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Moses Wick served in the Mexican War under the
- 3 command of General Zachary Taylor, who eventually became
- 4 President of the United States; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1852, Moses Wick moved to California with
- 6 his wife Maria in a wagon train pulled by his team of oxen on a
- 7 journey that took six months; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The land in the area of the current ~~cloverleaf~~
- 9 junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149 was deeded
- 10 in 1852 to Moses Wick as a reward for his military service; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 3, 1852, Moses Wick made a
2 homestead of the 160 acre territory and began raising cattle as a
3 pioneer cattle rancher. Through purchases and other land grants,
4 he eventually owned about 800 acres adjacent to “Wick’s Corner”;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Moses Wick made a modest living as a butcher by
7 selling and supplying beef to gold miners and merchants in the
8 area; and

9 WHEREAS, He also used his faithful team of oxen to haul
10 freight and cargo back and forth to the mines between Oroville
11 and Sacramento; and

12 WHEREAS, Moses Wick died in 1888 at the age of 66 years
13 and was survived by his second wife Roxie Ann, his son Charles,
14 and daughter Ella Wick Crum; and

15 WHEREAS, Moses Wick’s cattle ranch was operated until his
16 son Charles sold most of the ranch to Senator Thomas Rockhill in
17 1906 for \$25,000; and

18 WHEREAS, Moses Wick’s cattle ranch became a tavern and
19 an early stagecoach stop for the Central Pacific Railroad. Although
20 Wick’s historic home was demolished in 1947, this area continues
21 to be known as “Wick’s Corner”; and

22 WHEREAS, The modern State Highway Route 70 was
23 constructed in the 1960s when the former highway was submerged
24 beneath the rising waters of Lake Oroville; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Merle McAndrews, the great granddaughter
26 of both Moses Wick and Senator Thomas Rockhill, still lives on
27 the property in a portion of one of the original ranches that was
28 built more than 70 years ago; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
31 ~~el~~overleaf junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149
32 near the City of Oroville, in the County of Butte, as the Wick’s
33 Corner Interchange; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with signing
36 requirements for the state highway system, showing this special
37 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
38 sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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